

Proposed Bill No. 6406

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTY IN THE NEWHALL NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE TOWN OF HAMDEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection be required,
- 2 within ninety days of the effective date of this act, to adopt a final plan
- 3 and implementation timetable, commencing within the same ninety-
- 4 day period, for the remediation of public and private properties in the
- 5 Newhall neighborhood of the town of Hamden; that the commissioner
- 6 be further required to base such plan on the remediation alternatives
- 7 developed by the Newhall Advisory Committee in its role as the
- 8 Department of Environmental Protection's public participation
- 9 partner, and approved by vote of the residents at two community
- 10 forums, to remove all contaminated soil and dispose of it at a facility
- 11 licensed for such purpose, restore the neighborhood without land use
- 12 restrictions and immediately purchase those homes suffering severe
- 13 structural damage and safely relocate the occupants while giving them
- 14 the option to return; and that the commissioner be further required to

- 15 reach a satisfactory mutual agreement with residents of the Prospect
- 16 Hill area by jointly reviewing disputed findings of site work
- 17 performed by a department contractor and an independent second
- study that contradicts the department contractor's conclusions.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the remediation of public and private properties in the Newhall neighborhood of the town of Hamden and provide relief for at-risk residents who have lived atop contaminated soil for many years.